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1. A conference of representatives of the Bulgarian Mission in Berlin and the Soviet Control Commission took place recently in Leipzig with representatives of the German Democratic Republic also in attendance. Mr. Daskaloff of the Bulgarian Foreign Trade Ministry acted as chief of the Bulgarian delegation. Part of this delegation remained in Leipzig while some of the members accompanied Daskaloff to Berlin to sign a trade agreement between Bulgaria and the German Democratic Republic. According to this agreement Bulgaria is to deliver foodstuffs and industrial raw materials to the east German Republic in exchange for machines and finished products.
2. In the discussion of political problems it was agreed that Bulgaria will soon name an ambassador to the German Democratic Republic. Further details concerning this discussion are not available.
3. It was agreed that in addition to strong economic ties political relations between the German Democratic Republic and the People's Democracies, must also be strengthened. Walter Ulbricht was ordered to remove all obstacles in establishing friendly connections with the eastern states. The treaty with Prague is to be followed by further similar treaties. The exchange of political functionaries was strongly recommended.
4. The members of the Bulgarian delegation, who remained in Leipzig, included Bulgarian officers in civilian dress and political functionaries. During their stay in Leipzig they visited various economic enterprises, party installations, schools and installations of the Volkspolizei. A meeting of police and army officers of the people's democracies and German representatives is to be held soon in Leipzig for the purpose of discussing past experiences and successful operational methods.

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